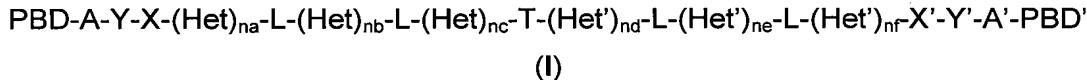


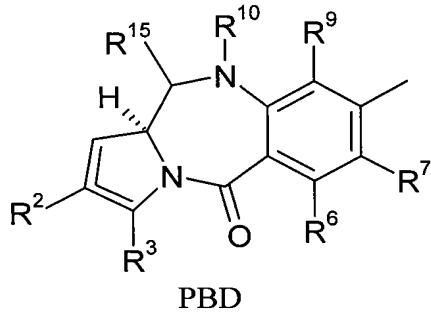
Amendments to the Claims:

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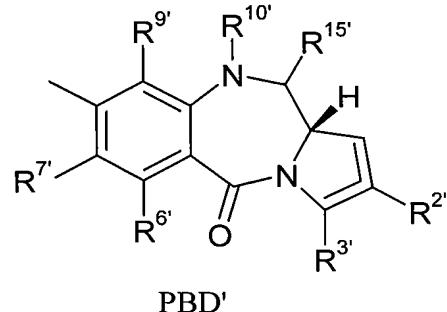
1. (Original) A compound of formula (I):



and salts, solvates, chemically protected forms, and prodrugs thereof, wherein



PBD



PBD'

with the bonds at the 8 position on each molecule bond to the A and A' groups respectively.
the dotted lines indicate the optional presence of a double bond between C1 and C2 or C2 and C3;
R² and R³ are independently selected from -H, -OH, =O, =CH₂, -CN, -R, OR, halo, =CH-R, O-SO₂-R, CO₂R and COR;
R⁶, R⁷ and R⁹ are independently selected from H, R, OH, OR, SH, SR, NH₂, NHR, NRR', nitro, Me₃Sn and halo; where R and R' are independently selected from optionally substituted C₁₋₇ alkyl, C₃₋₂₀ heterocyclyl and C₅₋₂₀ aryl groups; or
R⁶ and R⁷ together form a group -O-(CH₂)_p-O-, where p is 1 or 2;
R¹⁰ is a nitrogen protecting group and R¹⁵ is either O-R¹¹, where R¹¹ is a hydroxyl protecting group; or
R¹⁵ is OH, =O or =S; or
R¹⁰ and R¹⁵ together form a double bond between C10 and N11;
A is selected from O, S, NH or a single bond;
Y is a divalent group such that HY = R, or a single bond;
X and X' are both either NH or C(=O);
each Het and Het' is independently an amino-heteroarylene-carbonyl group;

each L is independently selected from β -alanine, glycine, 4-aminobutanoic acid and a single bond;

T is a divalent linker group of the form:

-NH-Q-NH- or -C(=O)-Q-C(=O)-

wherein Q is a divalent group such that HQ = R;

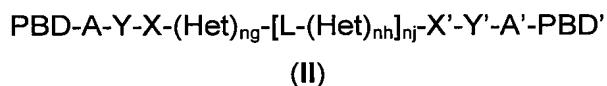
A', Y', Het', R^{2'}, R^{3'}, R^{6'}, R^{7'}, R^{9'}, R^{10'}, R^{11'} and R^{15'} are all independently selected from the same lists as previously defined for A, Y, Het, R², R³, R⁶, R⁷, R⁹, R¹⁰, R¹¹ and R¹⁵ respectively;

na, nb, nc, nd, ne and nf are each independently 0 to 5 and the sum na + nb + nc + nd + ne + nf is 0 to 16.

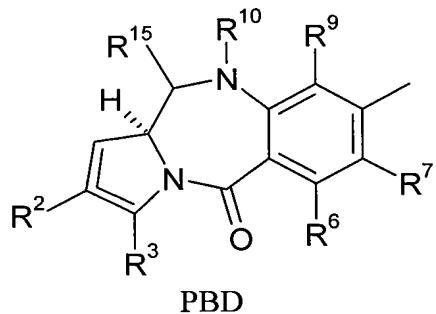
2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1, wherein the sums na + nb + nc and nd + ne + nf are equal.

3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~either claim 1 or claim 2~~, wherein Het and Het' are nitrogen containing heteroarylene units.

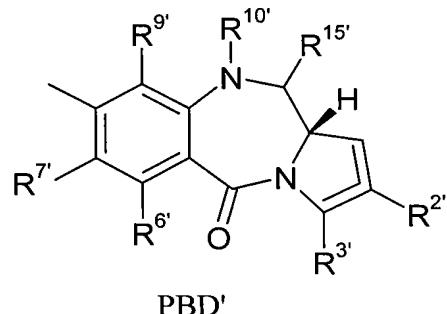
4. (Original) A compound of formula (II):



and salts, solvates, chemically protected forms, and prodrugs thereof, wherein



PBD



PBD'

the bonds at the 8 position on PBD and PBD' bond to A and A' groups respectively;
the dotted lines indicate the optional presence of a double bond between C1 and C2 or C2 and C3;

R² and R³ are independently selected from -H, -OH, =O, =CH₂, -CN, -R, OR, halo, =CH-R, O-SO₂-R, CO₂R and COR;

R^6 , R^7 and R^9 are independently selected from H, R, OH, OR, SH, SR, NH_2 , NHR , NRR' , nitro, Me_3Sn and halo; where R and R' are independently selected from optionally substituted C_{1-7} alkyl, C_{3-20} heterocycll and C_{5-20} aryl groups; or

R^6 and R^7 together form a group $-O-(CH_2)_p-O-$, where p is 1 or 2;

R^{10} is a nitrogen protecting group and R^{15} is either $O-R^{11}$, where R^{11} is a hydroxyl protecting group; or

R^{15} is OH, =O or =S; or

R^{10} and R^{15} together form a double bond between C10 and N11;

A is selected from O, S, NH or a single bond;

Y is a divalent group such that $HY = R$, or a single bond;

each Het is independently an amino-heteroarylene-carbonyl group;

each L is independently selected from β -alanine, glycine, 4-aminobutanoic acid and a single bond;

A' , Y' , $R^{2'}$, $R^{3'}$, $R^{6'}$, $R^{7'}$, $R^{9'}$, $R^{10'}$, $R^{11'}$ and $R^{15'}$ are all independently selected from the same lists as previously defined for A, Y, Het, R^2 , R^3 , R^6 , R^7 , R^9 , R^{10} , R^{11} and R^{15} respectively;

ng is 1 to 5, nh is 1 to 5 and nj is 0 to 3

X and X' are either NH and C(=O) respectively or C(=O) and NH respectively.

5. (Original) A compound according to claim 4, wherein the total number of Het groups in the compound represented by the sum ng + (nj x nh) is 1 to 3.

6. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~either claim 4 or claim 5~~, wherein Het are nitrogen containing heteroarylene units.

7. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding either claims 1 or claim 4~~, wherein PBD and PBD' are the same.

8. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding either claims 1 or claim 4~~, wherein R^9 and $R^{9'}$ are H.

9. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding either claims 1 or claim 4~~, wherein R^2 , R^3 , $R^{2'}$ and $R^{3'}$ are independently selected from R and H.

10. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding either~~ claims 1 or claim 4, wherein R⁶ and R^{6'} are independently selected from H, OH, OR, SH, NH₂, nitro and halo.

11. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding either~~ claims 1 or claim 4, wherein R⁷ and R^{7'} are independently selected from H, OR, SH, SR, NH₂, NHR, NRR' and halo.

12. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding either~~ claims 1 or claim 4, wherein R¹⁰ and R¹⁵ together form a double bond between N10 and C11 and R^{10'} and R^{15'} together form a double bond between N10' and C11'.

13. (Currently Amended) A compound according to ~~any one of either~~ claims 1 to 11 or claim 4, wherein R¹⁰ and R^{10'} are independently selected from H, BOC, Troc and alloc, and R¹¹ and R^{11'} are independently selected from OH, THP or a silyl oxygen protecting group.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition containing a compound of ~~either~~any one of claims 1 to 13 or claim 4, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method of treatment of a proliferative disease, comprising administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically-effective amount of a compound of ~~either~~any one of claims 1 to 13 or claim 4.